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Report Highlights:

Starting February 11, 2007 Israeli Veterinary Services banned table eggs imports from Turkey following the reports of new outbreak of the Avian Influenza (AI). Due to new information on outbreaks of AI in Egypt, the AI Committee called for a preparedness meeting in order to take all precautions.

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Starting February 11, 2007 the Israeli Veterinary and Animal Health Service (IVAHS) banned imports of table eggs and poultry products from Turkey. The ban was implemented due to a new outbreak of Avian Influenza (AI) in a few locations in Turkey. During the winter months Israel imports a limited quantity of table eggs from several sources to overcome the shortage of locally produced eggs caused by decreased production, due to low winter temperatures, and the increased demand for table eggs during Passover.

Early last week imports of poultry products from England and Hungary were also banned due to reports of outbreaks of AI in both countries. Reports on renewed outbreaks of AI in Egypt alerted the IVAHS, which called for an urgent meeting for February 12, 2007. At the meeting all existing procedures were reviewed. Procedures first published 18 months ago were updated following the 2006 spring outbreak, including conclusions from that outbreak which were found to be adequate. The committee decided on intensified care in the poultry farms for at least the next few weeks.